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Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 140 appears in the report of the Committee contained in document A/58/584.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 47th and 51st meetings, on 24 May and 3 June 2004. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/58/SR.47 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the interim budget for the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor for the period from 1 July to 31 December 2004 (A/58/795);

(b) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/58/809).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.85

4. At its 51st meeting, on 3 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor" (A/C.5/58/L.85), which was submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Slovakia.

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5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/58/L.85 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1272 (1999) of 25 October 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Transitional Administration, the last of which was resolution 1392 (2002) of 31 January 2002, by which the mandate was extended until 20 May 2002,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1410 (2002) of 17 May 2002, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor as from 20 May 2002 for an initial period of twelve months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1543 (2004) of 14 May 2004, by which the Council extended the Mission for a period of six months, with a view to subsequently extending the mandate for a further and final period of six months, until 20 May 2005,

Recalling further its resolution 54/246 A of 23 December 1999 on the financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor and its subsequent resolutions on the financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor, the latest of which was resolution 58/260 of 23 December 2003,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

2. *Emphasizes* that it will consider the number and level of posts, the administrative structure, lines of accountability and reporting in support of the substantive mandate in the context of the full budget proposal to be submitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session;

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[1] A/58/795.

[2] A/58/809.

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004

3. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of 30,485,600 United States dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004;

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4. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 30,485,600 dollars for the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004 in accordance with the levels set out in resolution 55/235 of 23 December 2000, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/236 of 23 December 2000 and updated in its resolution 58/256 of 23 December 2003, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2004 as set out in its resolution 58/1 B of 23 December 2003;

5. *Decides also* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 4 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,086,400 dollars, representing the estimated staff assessment income approved for the Mission for the period from 1 July to 31 October 2004;

6. *Decides further* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor".